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School Board to Grant Grading Easement for Beltway "Cliff"

by Elaine Skolnik

Faced with the growing risk that the facilities on the bus lot next to the Greenbelt Junior High School might be endangered as a result of the eroding embankment next to Klein's, the Prince Georges County Board of Education has indicated its intent to grant a grading easement to the Beltway Plaza developers. In the past, the school board has maintained that correction of the erosion problem should take place on the shopping center property..

The problem, however, has become acute in the last few weeks, increasing the need for action. Last month, upon the advice of the County Board of Licenses and Permits, the school board had to install barricades on the school bus lot at the top of the embankment to prevent buses from coming too close to the edge of the slope. At this time of the year, according to county officials, the slope could become slurry, a flowing mixture of water and clay. They fear that vibrations from the buses might cause the earth and the fence to fall away.

"It's a mystery why this hasn't happened yet," said a spokesman for the school board. Members of the board feel that if corrective work had been done years ago, they would not have become the "victims."

At its Feb. 28 meeting ,the school board, concerned also with the public's safety, authorized its attorney to work out the details of an agreement with Sidney Brown, Beltway Plaza developer, for a permanent easement so that Brown can perform the necessary corrective action.

Brown wanted the easement so he can construct a catch basin with pipes running down the slope to insure proper drainage and a proper slope. Approval of the easement still depends on certain conditions Brown must meet. These include:

— approval from appropriate agencies (Department of Water Resources, County Licenses and Permits) of grading and sedimentation control plans;

— surety bond to guarantee performance (the school board wanting to be certain that water is collected properly at top, properly channeled down the slope, and properly disposed of at the bottom, and also that protection be assured regarding the relocation or replacement of its security fence, gasoline pumps, concrete block maintenance building and existing asphalt pavement, some of which will have to be removed when the grading is done);

— a legally binding agreement for perpetual maintenance;

— copies of surveying plans, metes and bounds, plat ,and other related documents.

For some eight years the clay slope has been a source of worry to Greenbelters. During this period the face of the embankment has changed, and the State Department of Water Resources designated the slope as "critical" in terms of the existence of serious sedimentation and erosion problems.

County concern with the embankment problem has also been manifested from the time Klein's was constructed in 1963. After years of negotiation with the developer, which resulted in only partial attempts to eliminate the hazardous slope, the county and State filed suit last fall charging the developer with polluting Indian Creek and failing to obey correction orders of the Water Resources Department. The case is scheduled for trial March 27.

Extension Homemakers

The Greenbelt Extension Homemakers will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in the home of the president, Terry Geiser, at 35-C Ridge Road. Mrs. Faye Johnson will report on a Leader Training Program she attended and will talk on "How to be a Wise Investor". Terry Geiser will give a report on "How to Take Care of Modern Fabrics". Also the club By-Laws will be reviewed and each member is asked to bring her copy to the meeting.

A workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the library conference room.

Environmental Group Starts Organizing

City council had a second meeting with representatives of organizations and other persons interested in the formation of a citizen's committee to deal with environmental problems in Greenbelt, on Wed., Mar 1. Sixteen persons attended plus four members of council and administrative assistant Bill Edwards. In the absence of Mayor Pilski, Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Schwan chaired the session.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld summarized what had happened at the first meeting of Jan. 31, and Schwan called for suggestions from the audience as to what the functions of an environmental group – whatever form it would take – should be.

Schwan, Weidenfeld, and Councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay all expressed support for a city sponsored group – perhaps an advisory board, with members possibly coming from city organizations plus council appointed members. Mrs. Maffay in addition felt that an environmental group should concern itself not only with Greenbelt, but also represent the city at the county and state level, giving testimony where necessary and perhaps even supporting area wide legislation.

Councilwoman Cohen suggested the possibility of two boards or two types of members, both council appointed and citizen-organization appointed, but admitted that she had not made up her mind as to the best course of action.

Much of the citizen comment seemed to be a repetition of the first meeting; there seemed to be no real agreement as to the structure of the organization, and some people voiced impatience with all the talk – "let' get on with it", they said.

Eventually Dave Lange's suggestion of an organizing committee, – which would meet and come up with a set of suggestions at the earliest possible date, – was adopted. It would consist of seven members of the audience and two members of council. The seven citizens are: Herman Amman, Dave Lange, Nathan Hughes, Mary Francis Crisman, Helen Geller, Carnie Harper, and Michael Chew.

GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Next week, March 12 – 18, is Girl Scout week. Girl Scouts will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States.

Girl Scout Troops from the Greenbelt area will take part in the celebration by having displays and demonstrations of Scouting skills on the Mall at Beltway Plaza.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., March 9, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Mtg., Board Room, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., March 10, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Mon., March 13, 8 p.m. Public Mtg. on Indoor Swimming Pool, council chambers

Tues., March 14, 8 .m., Greenbelt Jr. High PTA mtg. and Folk Festival, School Library **7:30 p.m.** Folk Sing, Greenbelt Library

Thurs., March 16, 7-9 p.m., Voter registration, Klein's

Fri., March 17, 8:30 a.m., Paper pick-up

City Tightens Regulations For Group Picnic Permits

The city has a new regulation with respect to the granting of group picnic permits at the Greenbelt Lake Park. At its March 6 meeting, council adopted a measure which had the general support of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

PRAB in its Report #2-72 expressed concern that with the growing demand for the use of picnic facilities "there is the possibility that genuine groups could be denied picnic permits for lack of space." PRAB noted that because beer may be consumed in the Lake park in conjunction with a picnic meal at a group picnic, the park has become increasingly popular "with groups which have no connection with the city other than it may number a single Greenbelt resident who obtains the permit." Under previous regulations any Greenbelt resident could apply for such permits.

To deal with this problem, the adopted ordinance limits the granting of picnic permits to bona fide Greenbelt organizations, family groups which are hosted by a Greenbelt resident, and selected other groups. The ordinance will also tighten controls by requiring picnic permits for all groups of 15 persons or more; such permits would only be applicable to established group facilities.

Criteria

To qualify as a Greenbelt organization ,the group would need to meet one of the following criteria: (1) regularly meets in the city; (2) majority of members are residents of the city; (3) the group is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department or is a participant of a recreation program; or (4) is sponsored by or is directly connected with a business or organization located within the city (provided no commercial activity is involved.)

Other groups that would be able to qualify are non-Greenbelt school classes and other youth groups, provided that such permits would not be issued on weekends and holidays and in the evenings.

At the March 6 meeting there was some discussion over whether the new ordinance might be too restrictive with respect to non-Greenbelt groups. PRAB had suggested an alternative for non-Greenbelt groups — that permits be issued to such groups but not in excess of 25% of the total capacity of the established group facilities.

City manager Jim Giese felt that for the few nonresident groups worthy to use the park, council could grant permission upon receiving the group's request. The same procedure could also be used, he said, for any other Greenbelt group that might not meet the special criteria.

Council thereby adopted the proposed ordinance without any changes suggested by PRAB.

AN INTERPRETIVE REPORT

Will Greenbriar Treatment Plant Have Happy Ending?

by Al and Elaine Skolnik

County council postponement of its consideration of CB-45, an amendment to the county Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan to permit the use and installation of a temporary sewage treatment plant for the Greenbriar and Glen Ora apartment projects, has given the Greenbelt city council additional time to reconsider and clarify its position on the plant. The county council is expected to take up CB-45 at its Tuesday, March 21 meeting.

There are now signs that what was thought to be an irreconcilable gap between various viewpoints that have been generated in the city over the proposed plant for the 1,193-unit Greenbriar Apartment project, to be located on the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, might possibly be bridgeable after all.

For months, the city has been torn asunder by the conflict which has seen a council split between a majority of four, consisting of Richard Pilski, Charles Schwan, Elizabeth Maffay, and Gil Weidenfeld, and the fifth member, Rhea Cohen.

A typical example was last Monday's meeting at which council was considering a resolution proposed by Mrs. Cohen calling for outright disapproval of the sewage plant and notification of said action to the county council. It was clear from the start that the majority of council opposed the resolution, which councilman Weidenfeld said contained many "erroneous, vague, and misleading" statements.

How Far Apart?

Instead, councilman Charles Schwan introduced an alternative resolution, which apparently had the support of the majority of council, and which requested the county council not to approve the sewage plant "until it has received assurances from all county and State agencies with reponsibility in this area that the effluent from the temporary sewage treatment facilities will not represent a health or ecological risk." The resolution further requested the county council, should it see fit to approve CB-45, to recommend to the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene the inclusion of conditions suggested by the city resolution of February 7 and by the county health officer in his letter of February 14.

One member of the audience, David Lange, commented that it appeared to him that if the two resolutions had been introduced by different persons under different circumstances there could well be a meeting of the minds. Tom White observed that the majority of council has gone to the brink of opposing the plant but somehow just can't seem to cross over by stating unequivocally that it disapproved the plant.

It is obvious that it will still take some statesmanship to bridge the gap. The Schwan resolution went part of the way by recognizing that the citizens of Greenbelt have expressed legitimate fears and concern at public hearings and through petitions that the discharge of the effluent from the treatment plant might produce health or ecological hazards. The resolution also noted that "the testimony of experts, although supporting the conclusion that a tertiary sewage treatment plant of the type being proposed for the Greenbriar and Glen Ora tracts will produce high-quality effluent and will be a techincal improvement and advancement over existing secondary treatment plants, has failed to allay" these fears and concern.

Tactics Deplored

What has been most upsetting and disturbing to the majority of council has been the tactics of those who are the most vociferous in their opposition to the plant. Monday night several members of council, as well as persons in the audience, deplored the opposition's resort to what they considered were distortions of the record, half-truths, exaggerations, inaccuracies, and unsubstantiated and false allegations.

Schwan said that the opposition at first pleaded for expert testimony, and when the experts told them things they didn't want to hear, "they denounced the experts." Mrs. Maffay deplored the fact that people were driven into fear by allegations that raw sewage would be flowing in their back yards. She said such tactics were unnecessary since, in her opinion, the opposition had some strong points on their side.

As examples of how the facts were ignored, Weidenfeld cited the various "Whereas" clauses in the Cohen resolution which were used to justify the conclusion. These included:

(1) A statement that the State Department of Water Resources (SDWR) had not taken into account all the pertinent information regarding the effects of the effluent on the local stream valley. Weidenfeld referred to the testimony of SDWR officials at the February 28 meeting that they had taken all factors into account.

(2) A statement that SDWR regulations 4.7 require a public hearing on the application for a discharge permit. Weidenfeld referred to the testimony of SDWR representatives that regulations 4.7 refer only to industrial and commercial discharges and not to sewage plants and storm drainage systems. Schwan also noted that no discharge permit had even been applied for. (Mrs. Cohen later said that the city has yet to receive a promised opinion from the State's Attorney's office that regulations

See GREENBRIAR, p. 8, c. 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

The City Council will hold a Public Meeting on Monday,

MARCH 13, 1972 AT 8:00 P.M.

in the city offices to receive citizens comments concerning a proposed indoor swimming pool for Greenbelt. The Indoor Swimming Pool Committee, appointed by Council last year, has prepared a report containing that committee's findings, and recommendations. Copies of this report may be obtained at the Greenbelt Library, Twin Pines, and the City Offices prior to the meeting. (See summary on page 3.)

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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Voting Machines Advocated

To the Editor:

I wish to advocate the use of voting machines in this year's Greenbelt Homes, Inc. election and other reform measures long overdue.

First of all, our County Superintendent of Schools' office is receptive to letting us use two of the school board's standard voting machines, provided a date the week of May 15 can be worked out which would not conflict with their use by the schools. They felt this was no great problem. There would be a nominal charge of $60 for delivering and picking up the machines, which would include insurance coverage during transit. The county custodian, who sets these up for the high schools, estimated that setting up the two machines and checking them out would be five hours work at $5. an hour of $25. I am delighted with everyone's interest and cooperation, as this price of $85.00 is most reasonable compared to the county charge of approximately $130 and the amount of over $200.00 paid for last year's Dec. and May meetings for remuneration for GHI office employees. Two of this committee's members are experienced election judges and would serve without pay. Saturday would be the best day as far as board and custodian are concerned. The custodian will be in the midst of the Presidential Primary Election routine but can fit us in, or assign someone to do so.

There is nothing revolutionary in the use of these machines in non-municipal elections. Many unions use them and the County Election Board in recent times lent them at a nominal cost to fraternal organizations, such as The Moose and The Lions. The only way to analyze poor and irregular election procedure is to compare it with a model election. So let's get on with all that was wrong last May!

The ballots were improperly prepared. I quote from the "Model Election Administration System Handbook." The serial numbering of ballots is essential to the prevention of abuses of the "secret ballot." These ballots bore no numbers that I can ever recall. The number on the perforated stub of a properly prepared ballot, to take one example, is entered in a poll book or voting certificate at the time the ballot is handed to the voter. The only difficulty at GHI is that a poll book is not kept as far as I can ascertain nor can the informal card used be called a voting certificate, as it is not numbered either.

The ballots were not uniform. Five hundred were printed with one sequence of candidates names, the remaining five hundred in reverse order, destroying the uniformity, causing confusion and raising questions as to how failure-proof the distribution on an alternating basis was. The proper method, if rotation of ballots is impractical, is to draw lots for ballot position.

No comparison of the signature of the person claiming the ballot was made with the signature on the master card because as far as I can determine there was no signature on file. This is one of the most important rules in safeguarding the right of a voter through proper identification. Initials should long ago have been ruled incorrect.

Where, oh, where, was the privacy in voting? It was non-existent at the evening meeting and about the same or worse at Twin Pines where the poor voter had to contend with small quarters and outsiders entering the business establishment and leaving. Voting should be done at the Municipal Building in a room especially set aside for this and which also has adequate safeguards for the keeping of these valuable voting machines.

When it comes to the count for the candidates, the voting machine is the greatest not only in the hours of time saved but in the accuracy and in the confidence of those who have voted, that all is fair. The voting slips must agree with the poll book, which must agree with the machine totals. Where was the three-way check in a system where, as far as I can determine, the cards are counted at Twin Pines by one group and the ballots counted by another group at GHI but not at the same time and with the same people. Both cards and ballot box should have been sealed at the same time and tallied together by the Nominations and Elections Committee.

The Chairman and at least one member of the Committee has admitted the utter confusion that marked the session called the "Election of the Nominations and Elections Committee." It has been disorganized since I first attended meetings. Members have been nominated in their absence and without prior consent and one member, who lost, was frank enough to admit that she in fact, realized after it was all over that she had participated in counting ballots for an election in which she was a nominee. It is high time to select people for their knowledge, experience, independence, and dedication for this committee and have them stand for election at the time of the election for the board members and on a rotating system. The Board should be given a budget, too, and charged with keeping election procedure up to date and doing their own research.

Each candidate should have been allowed a poll watcher and their duties spelled out. They would be allowed to examine signatures, challenge voters, and the count without, of course, touching the ballots. If this system had prevailed, the candidates and those of us watching the count would have been made aware of the so-called "plastic sheet" which was used, as we found out afterwards, to cover the paper ballots, supposedly to speed up the count by covering the candidates names and requiring the calling of the tally by number. The count still took from 9 until 2 for 795 votes! Our County Board counts their paper ballots by name only and this plastic sheet routine is "unique" in my experience. The Election Committee members should have informed the candidates and in my opinion objected to its use.

The ballots should have been impounded for a year after the election in case of legal challenge. Both incumbents and challengers should have been furnished with a certified list of voters for election use only.

I will refer, finally, to my letter read into the record at the December 9th membership meeting, regarding the violation of the By-Laws in using GHI employees, as election clerks, and paying them in the absence of a budget or authority in the By Laws. The Nomination and Election Committee, who should be performing this function, should themselves appoint competent non-employee members to assist them and at this stage of the By Laws not exceed five in number.

Eunice E. Coxon

RIDING CLUB

The Greenbelt Riding Club will tour the Potomac Horse Center March 11 at 10 a.m. People needing transportation should meet at the Recreation Center at 9 a.m.

Boy Scout Month

To the Editor:

The Scout program has been in the United States for 62 years and is a NOW program. February was Scout Month. The program as planned and executed as chartered by the United States Congress is regarded as the best program in the world for the all around development of boys from ages 8 to 21, mentally, physically, and psychologically. And it is fun, often called a "Game With a Purpose." It has changed with the times; its purpose is to make boys able to do things for themselves, by training them in self reliance, Scoutcraft, by teaching them patriotism, courage, respect for religion, and other high ideals. Scouting should be considered a part of the education department of every church or synagogue.

Cubbing is for boys 8, or in the third grade, through 11; Boy Scouts are boys 11 through 17; Exploring is for boys and girls 14, or in the ninth grade, through 20.

All phases of Scouting involve the whole family, especially the Cub Scout program.

Men and women, especially parents, are always needed to help run the program, as your child is the largest investment you will ever make in this life—it's up to you to see that he gets the experience of Scouting that only you can give him—by your participation in or interest in the program provided by registered Scouters. Try it, you'll like it.

There are two Explorer Posts, two Scout Troops and three cub packs in "old Greenbelt," sponsored by the Co-op League, the Methodist Church and St. Hugh's Church.

Ralph E. Noble
Assistant District Commissioner for Greenbelt Area, Boy Scouts of America.

Junior High PTA Has Folk Festival

Greenbelt Junior High School PTA will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in the library. Official action by the PTA will be taken on changing the name of the PTA to PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association). The Executive Board of the PTA has already endorsed this change. The Nominating Committee will also present the slate of officers for next year.

A special program in the cafeteria at 8:20 p.m. will follow a short business meeting.

The following message concerning the program was prepared by 7th grade student Sally Meadows.

"Looking for something to do on March 14? Why don't you come to the 7th grade folk festival at Grenbelt Jr. High? Lots of things from different countries are going to be there. For example: there will be folk dancing from different countries and lots of yummy kinds of food. There will also be a "Medicine Booth that will have old country remedies to cure your sickness. Intrested in hobbies? Come to see all the hobbies that the 7th graders have, involving items from other countries such as coins, stamps, dolls, jewelry, crafts and many things."

All 6th graders with their parents are invited to attend open house at 8:20 p.m. in the Librabry house at 8:20 p.m. in the Library on March 14.

Dennis - Sherrod

Miss Susan Lee Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bruce, Jr., 3 Pinecrest Court, Greenbelt, was married on March 1, to Woodrow Wilson Sherrod at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Mt. Rainier. After a small reception at the home of the bride, the couple left for Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, where the groom is stationed.

GREENBELT GOLDDIGGERS

Barbara Mosedale

The Goldiggers Juvenile and Senior Parade Corps entered two competitions: one in January, one February 5, both in Laurel, Md. The Senior Corps also includes the Color Guard and Drummers.

The Goldiggers were also represented by indivdual entries The girls were Denise Bodner, Traci Coker, Teri Heinicke, Cari Kellum, Kim Klein, Lisa Orton, Debbie & Virginia Meyers, Pam Mosedale, Debbie Patton, Dara Stewart, Beth Tafoya and Terry Vidi.

Organ Recital

An organ recital, with Nancy Stavely of College Park playing the organ, will mark the dedication of the organ of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church on March 12, from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Mrs. Stavely is presently studying organ at the University of Maryland, working for her Masters Degree in Organ.

Woman's Club News

The Women's Club will hold a membership meeting March 9, at 8 p.m. in the Baptist Church. The program is by the fine arts department.

Dr W. Eisner

Dr. William Eisner, 59, died February 10 in Scottsdale, Arizona. A former Greenbelter, he was one of the original doctors associated with the Greenbelt Health Association and Clinic in the early days of this town. When the clinic closed down, Dr. Eisner continued to practice medicine here as a private physician. He moved to Arizona in 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; a daughter, Celia Eisner of Scottsdale, and a sister of New York.

PAPER PICK-UP
FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Skolnik - Goldman

Alfred and Elaine Skolnik, 2-E Northway, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Dr. Mitchell Goldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goldman of Atlantic Beach, New York.

Barbara, a graduate of Connecticut College, is studying for a doctor's degree in the field of economics at American University.

Dr. Goldman is a graduate of Queen's College and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. A Lieutenant Commander in the Public Health Service, he is stationed in Washington.

A June wedding is planned.

Goldstein Speaks at JCC

Louis Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Maryland, will speak on the Tax Program for the State of Maryland, present and proposed, at the Mishkan Torah Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday, March 12, at 10 a.m. at the Mishkan Torah Congregation, Westway and Ridge Roads, Greenbelt, Maryland.

RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will be held on Sunday, March 12, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Monday, March 13 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and on Tuesday, March 14 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. All kinds of clothing and household items will be on sale.

The regular meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:45 p.m., in the building. The theme of the program will be the Passover holidays through readings.

RUMMAGE SALE
Bargains in
Clothing Books
Jewelry Furniture
White Elephants Toys
Sunday, Mar. 12, 11 am-8
Monday, Mar. 13, 10 am-6
Tuesday, Mar. 14, 10 am-12
MISHKAN TORAH
Ridge & Westway
Sponsored by Sisterhood
Leftover Fabric
at Bargain Prices

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Midweek Service
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Crescent & Greenhill Rds. S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

MOWATT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md.
Clifton D. Cunningham, Minister
NO CHURCH SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY
Organ Recital 10:30 A.M.
Mrs. Nancy Stavely Guest Organist
Organ Dedication — 11:00 A.M. Worship Service
DR. JAMES D. FOY, GUEST SPEAKER
Sermon: "PETER REMEMBERED"

Notice of Public Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 1972, 8:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

The City Council will hold a public meeting on the Fair Share Housing Formula for the Metropolitan-Washington area. The presentation will be made by staff members of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt Rd.
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:15 A.M.
Sunday School 9:50 A.M.
Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone 345-5111

Public Hearing Monday on Indoor Swim Pool Report

On Monday, March 13 at 8 p.m. in the council chambers a public hearing will be held on the indoor swimming pool and related health facility. Reprinted below from the December 30, 1971 News Review *is a summary of the Ad Hoc Indoor Swimming Pool Committee Report. The Committee, chaired by Steve Polaschik, has recommended that a city-wide referendum be held within the next year on approving a bond issue to finance the construction of an indoor swimming pool.*

Location of Pool

Three possible sites: (1) adjacent to the municipal outdoor pool; (2) Springhill Lake; and (3) parcel 7 (near Boxwood Village). The committee favors the first because of availability of parking space; the need to rehabilitate the present bathhouse, which would be an element of a new combined indoor-outdoor pool facility; the city's ownership of the land; the central location (assuming that future growth will be primarily east of the Parkway); and the greater ease and reduced cost of recreation administration were the proposed indoor pool part of the central recreation complex.

Pool Design

The minimum size sufficient for present needs of Greenbelt is 45 feet x 82 feet (Alternative A). The depth would be 3½ feet to 14 feet at the diving end, with a separate wading pool. This pool, as in the case of the summer pool, would serve most needs except those of children ages 4 to 8 who have no place where they can be comfortable in the water for either recreation or swimming lessons.

A much more desirable pool is 45 feet by 102½ feet (Alternative B) which, while costing $50,000 more, would provide a training pool for the 4 to 8 year olds. Erection of a permanent bulkhead (partition) would make a wider variety of simultaneous uses possible.

Pool Enclosure

The committee recommends masonry or poured concerte walls as providing the most economical, long-term structure, being almost maintenance-free, with durability and resistance to vandalism, and making possible a draft-free, aesthetically pleasing and, with good design, accoustically controlled enclosure. Windows should be avoided since they present acoustic and heating problems, cause drafts, are a source of serious glare and lighting problems and aggravate algae control.

The committee suggests a domed vaulted roof over the pool itself to help in the lighting and to make a 3-meter diving facility possible at lower cost by supplying adequate ceiling clearance over the diving boards while allowing the remainder of the roof to be kept at a lower level, which would be more economical to build.

The Bathhouse

The facility suggested would be a separate two-story brick and/or cinderblock or poured concrete building replacing the present bathhouse and connecting to both the existing outdoor pool and the proposed indoor pool. It would house the bathhouse and the health spa as well as a clothing check area, a viewing balcony for the indoor pool, small snack bar, guard rooms, first aid center, and offices.

The health spa facility would be on the second story and consist of a 8 x 8 x 7 sauna (to house eight persons), an ultra-violet sun lamps machine, a treadmill, and bicycle trainer. The pool itself would have a deck level whirlpool.

Cost of Pool Facility

	Small pool (Alternative A)	Larger pool (Alternative B)
Pool (3- meter diving board)	$ 68,500	$ 78,500
Pool enclosure	161,425	200,825
Bathhouse	152,500	152,500
Spa equipment	9,250	9,250
	$391,675	$441,075

These figures would be reduced by $52,500, the part of the bathhouse that would be financed by the outdoor pool operations. Renovation of the present bathhouse is sorely needed, and the new bathhouse would serve both the indoor and outdoor pool.

Monthly Costs (based on nine-month year)

	Small pool	Larger pool
Amortization (estimated at $8.90 a month per $1,000 building cost)	$ 3,020	$ 3,460
Salaries	3,090	3,400
Operating costs	2,090	2,300
	$ 8,200	$ 9,160

Estimated Monthly Revenue

	Small pool	Larger pool
Rentals ($25 an hour)	$ 4,000	$ 4,400
400 memberships at $8 a month	3,200	3,200
Non-resident memberships	600	720
Fees for spa or pool use	400	840
	$ 8,200	$ 9,160

The membership fee for residents is estimated at $72 for the 9-month period from Labor Day to Memorial Day. These memberships should entitle each member of the family to 20 hours per week of recreational swimming, lessons at nominal fees, and adult usage of the health facilities. Non-resident family membership passes are suggested at $108.

Should pool be self-supporting?

Revenues will equal costs if (1) the number of Greenbelt family memberships equals 400, (2) the average number of hours of pool rental per day equals 5½, (3) the number of non-Greenbelt memberships equal 50-60, and (4) daily income for use of facilities equal $13.50 for small pool and $28 for larger pool.

However, even if these revenues are not fully realized, the committee is convinced that the project would be worthwhile for the city to build, because the pool would add greatly to the recreation program of the city and would supply recreational activities on a year-round basis for all age groups in the community.

At best the pool would be self-supporting and need no tax support; at worst would require the payment of its debt amortization out of tax revenues. If the latter occurred, the tax rate would be increased approximately 4.8 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.

The committee pointed out that this kind of subsidy is not unknown, as at the present time the Youth Center, Ridge Road Recreation Center and all the park facilities are supported both in debt amortization and operating expenses by city taxes.

The committee concluded that financial independence is not a requisite to having an indoor swimming pool.

City's Outstanding Employees Nominated

City Manager James Giese announced that fifteen employees of the City have been nominated for the first annual "Outstanding Employee of the Year" award. Presently the nominees' employment records are being reviewed. Selection will be on the basis of how well the employee has performed during the past year in the job which he holds, Differences in degree of skill, education, and training required for appointment to various jobs will not be a factor in selecting the award recipient as they are taken into consideration in determining compensation for the job. Final selection will be made by the City Council with the award being made this spring at the employees' annual banquet.

Those nominated are: Julia M. (Judy) Boone, Police Department Secretary; Doris A. Cottington, Executive Secretary to the City Manager; Ralph E. Diest, Foreman, Refuse Collection Crew and Animal Warden; Dorothea M. Gussio, Senior Accounts Clerk; Marjorie M. Owens, Accounts Clerk; Dorothy L. Stair, Senior Accounts Clerk; Chester C. Jenkins, Refuse Collector; William T. Lane, Police Chief; Betty R. Lehman, Recreation Department Secretary; Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk; Norman F. Powell, Public Works Foreman; Henry C. Sacra, Public Works Foreman; Henry R. Thurston, Public Works Crewman; William E. Vogel, Police Officer - First Class; and James P. Weiss, Refuse Collector-Driver.

Turn on to Learning

What can a parent do to stimulate a child to learn? How can school keep the flame alive? This is the focus of a day-long conference March 18 at the Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville.

Sponsored by the Maryland Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools, the conference workshops are aimed at parents of 2 to 9 year-old children and will present the newest research to participants.

Keyed to the idea that the most important thing our children are doing is learning — about the world, themselves and others—the conference offers ,in addition to the fifteen workshops, a keynote address, "What Really Counts for the Young Child," by Dr. James Gibbs, Head of Child Psychiatry, Shepphard Enoch Pratt Hospital.

Workshops will include subjects such as: "Day Care as A Suburban Phenomenon," "Making Kindergarten Relevant," and "Basic Rights for Boys and Girls - How Can We Avoid Sex-Limiting Stereotypes?" Also included will be a demonstration of counseling between a family and an Adlerian therapist.

For more information, contact Dorothy Lauber, tel. 474-3397.

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School is taking applications for next school year. Call Ann Miles, 345-7290.

Sewage Plant Documents

The Greenbelt City Council has placed documents pertaining to the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant in the Greenbelt library. Materials may be taken out.

Car Tag Sales Begin

Residents of Prince George's County can purchase 1972 tag validation stickers for passenger cars and motorcycles at the Motor Vehicle Administration regional office located at 5112 Berwyn Road, College Park, Maryland, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The validation stickers may also be purchased from selected department stores in Prince George's County beginning March 1 or by mail directly from the Administration's Glen Burnie Headquarters.

All State Offices, including the MVA, will be closed for Maryland Day, Friday, March 24 and Good Friday, March 31. Persons renewing their registration by mail are advised to do so no later than March 15 to allow time for processing and delivery of the validation stickers.

Vehicle owners who have not yet received their tag applications are requested to contact the MVA immediately, giving their present tag number, the title and serial number of their vehicle, their full name, and present address. All of this information is necessary to enable the computer-printer to print their correct applications.

Folk Sing at Library

A Folksing sponsored by the Young Adult Department of the Greenbelt Library will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

If you are a folk fan, the Greenbelt Branch Library is the in-place to be on March 14. All library programs are free.

For more information call 345-5800.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for National, State and County elections will take place every Thursday evening on March 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Klein's Department Store in the Beltway Plaza on the main floor at the front entrance to the Store.

The qualifications to register to vote are: 1. You must be an American citizen. 2. You must be 18 years of age or older. If you will have attained the age of 18 by November 7, 1972, the date of the General Election, you may register to vote. 3. You must be a permanent resident of the State of Maryland for six (6) months by the date of the General Election. 4. If you are a naturalized citizen, you must know the date and court of naturalization at the time of registration. 5. You must present evidence of residency such as a driver's license, library card, etc.; any ID that denotes your name and address.

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Openings In Band

Washington-Metropolitan area amateur musicians are invited to join the Greenbelt Concert Band, which meets every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the youth center.

The concert band has a large library of music, including classical selections, show tunes and marches. The concert band plays many concerts during the year throughout the metropolitan area.

Currently there are openings in all sections, with a special need for oboe, french horn and percussion.

The concert band is a volunteer organization under the direction of John Del Homme.

For further information please contact the band manager, Tom Cherrix at 552-1444.

Greenbelt Celebrates The 100th Arbor Day

This year the City of Greenbelt will observe the one hundredth anniversary of Arbor Day on April 5 by promoting a tree planting program in the City parks. On its part the City will plant several specimen trees.

The City also encourages citizens and organizations to celebrate Arbor Day by the planting of trees. Any person or group wishing to donate a tree for planting in the park may do so. The City will assist in the purchasing and undertake the planting of the tree. Many people today are participating in programs to plant trees as living memorials. The City will also participate in such an undertaking if tree is planted in a city park.

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Recreation Review

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Kava will hold a dance at the Recreation Center Saturday, March 11 from 8–11 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by "Friends of the Family". All Senior High teens are invited to attend.

Men's "A" Invitational Slow-Pitch League

The "A" League will be a first class, competitive, invitational league. The league will be limited to eight teams. Teams will be A.S.A. affiliated and compete in sectional, regional and national play. Call the Recreation Office at 474–6878 for more information.

Real Slow Slow-Pitch

Plans have been completed to introduce the game of 16" slow-pitch softball to the over 25 year old, male members of the Greenbelt Community. Team openings are limited to resident, civic, fraternal business and social organizations. Single round-robin play will begin in May. Reserve an opening with the League Commissioner, Hank Irving, at 474–6878.

Storytime

At the Greenbelt Library, children in first and second grades are invited to attend Storytime, Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30.

Arts and Crafts

Children from ages 6 and up are invited to Arts and Crafts at Springhill Elementary School, Saturday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Little League Registration

Registration to join the Greenbelt Little League will be held at the Recreation Center for all previously unenrolled boys. Sign up from 10–12 noon Saturday, March 11. All Greenbelt boys between the ages of 8 and 12 are welcome. Presently enrolled boys need not register.

Basketball Uniform Turn In

The Recreation Department will accept Boys' Club basketball uniforms at the Recreation Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4–5 p.m. Please return your uniform immediately so an inventory may be made for the next season.

Junior Highlights

by Jared Freeman

Once again Greenbelt Junior High has sponsored its annual science fair. Grand award winners this year were Nancy Weintraub, 1st grand, Lenka Babuskova, 2nd grand, and Karen Goldstein, 3rd grand. Receiving first place awards in their respective categories were Matthew Ball, Karl Bender, Cathy Zieba, George Maeda, Ralph Jones, and each of the grand award winners.

1972 King and Queen of GJHS, who were crowned Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Valentine's Dance, are Mark Weiss and Robin Boyers.

GJHS' Chess Club presently holds the best record of any of the school's varsity activities. As of its two recent matches with Charles Carrol and Thomas Johnson Jr. High's, the club's record is 7 victories and 1 defeat. This is the best record of any chess team in PG county.

A new and interestting edition to the many facilities at Greenbelt Jr. High is the **Book Nook.** This small but "soon to be" well stocked library has a purpose of promoting the reading interests of the students.

The room is decorated in a colorful, modern, and generally attractive style. It is hoped that the students will react to the goal of the project in a receptive manner through participation.

In an effort to improve the reading capabilities of its students, GJHS has instituted the Right to Read Program. The general outline of the program consists of, first, determining the reading capacity of the individual student using various tests, and secondly, improving this capacity via certain programs adjusted to fit his requirements.

Many ninth grade students experienced a rather unusual schoolday Tuesday, Feb. 15. As police held back the traffic, the greater part of the ninth grade class trouped down to the Beltway Movie Theater dressed for a Presidential reception. Though they received no such greeting, they did view a showing of **The Ra Expedition.**

The Police Blotter

Cpl. Van Valkenburg, on investigating a hit and run case on Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Rd., discovered that the three juveniles in the car had stolen the vehicle from Hyattsville, and were also involved in a second auto theft. The three were charged with possession of a stolen car, driving without a license, and leaving the scene of an accident, in addition to two theft charges.

Two male and three females, one a Greenbelt resident, were all charged with possession of marijuana after Officer Vogel noticed one of the persons throwing an object out of a car. The "object" was marijauna.

Captain Carl F. Goodwin was promoted to sergeant effective January 23.

At the Youth Center recently a lady had $44 stolen from her wallet. Investigation turned up a youthful suspect who was subsequently charged, with most of the money being recovered.

A federal grant for a computer terminal for Greenbelt has been approved by the Governor's commission. Such a terminal will provide rapid access to statewide and federal agencies' computers. Information relating to such things as license tags could be relayed to the local police station within microseconds. Chief William Lane expressed the thought that stolen items can be rapidly recovered particularly if serial numbers are known. He expects to receiv e the terminal by late March or early April.

Thefts from Springhill Lake storage lockers are again on the upswing. Chief Lane reminds SHL residents that such lockers are not secure and no valuable items should be placed therein.

A reported theft of $80 from an apartment on Lakecrest Drive occurred recently and a 15-year old baby sitter was charged. Restitution was made by the girl's parents and she was admonished.

A fight call on Crescent Rd. resulted in a male resident being charged with assaulting a female.

Some rifles and shotguns were stolen from a parked vehicle at the Antique Rifle Show held at the Armory a few weeks ago.

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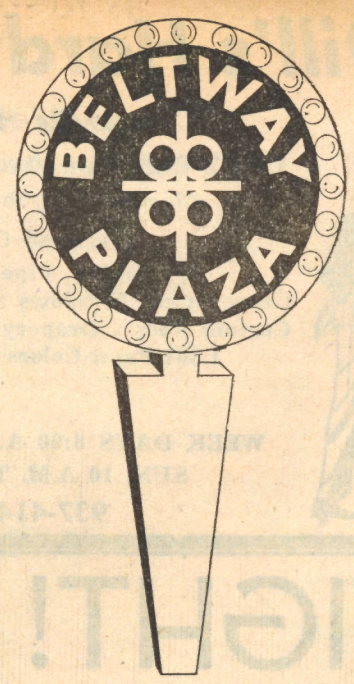
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Jaycee Service Awards

The Greenbelt Jaycees have announced the formation of a committee to seek nominees for their annual Distinguished Service Awards, according to Jim McVay, Greenbelt Jaycee Vice President. This year the program has been expanded to include the outstanding young man, the outstanding young woman, the outstanding young educator, the outstanding young law officer and the outstanding young volunteer fireman. The criteria for nomination are that the nominee must be between the ages of 21 and 35 and live or work in the Greenbelt community.

The committee will be actively canvassing churches, business clubs and organizations to determine the young people who have contributed the most to the community. Nomination blanks can be obtained by contacting any Jaycee or by calling 474-0977.

Selections will be announced at the Greenbelt Jaycees awards banquet which will be held April 14 at the Greenbelt American Legion Hall.

W.Va Flood Relief

Over 75 people are dead and more than 5,000 homeless in Logan County, W. Va. because of a flood. Free State VFW and Auxiliary (an organization devoted to community service), urges all the people in the community to rally round and help these unfortunate people by contributing what you can to the cause.

Monies, baby clothes, bed linens, blankets, dishes and kitchen utensils are needed. Since there is a water shortage, they need "pampers" for the babies – not diapers.

Free State Post Home 9800 Good Luck Rd., Lanham, is to be the central headquarters for all contributions in the greater Hyattsville area. Checks should be made payable to The Salvation Army, earmarked W. Va. Relief Fund, and mailed to P. O. Box 102, Lanham, Md. 20801. Contributions of any other nature should be brought to the Post Home, Mon. – Fri. after 4 p.m. and Sat.–Sun. after 12 noon.

For more information contact Mrs. M. Bloom – 577–3365; Mr. J. Ledbeter – 577–2546; Mr. C. Reese – 577–7551.

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Foster Homes Needed

A special appeal has been issued for foster home care for older adults who can not live alone and have no place to go.

The immediate need is to find suitable homes for five patients at the Extended Care Facility of Prince George's General Hospital who are ready for discharge but have no home.

The hospital's Extended Care Facility, which is operating at full capacity, has a waiting list for admissions but will not discharge the five patients until suitable foster homes can be found.

Anyone interested in providing foster home care for adults is asked to call the Social Service Department of the Extended Care Facility 341-3351.

REPUBLICAN NEWS

First Sub. District Chairman, Gloria Baumgaertner, announces the appointments of the following Republican Election Judges: **Precinct 6** (North End) — Chief Judge: Elizabeth Maffay; Judges: Eunice Coxon, Mildred Hieber, Sue Taylor, Josephine Ross, Jeannette Letiecq, Wanda Lee McKenney and Frances Bates. **Precinct 3** (Center School) — Chief Judge: Cathy Foster; Judges: Blanche Lee, Doris and Frank Costanza, Ruth Durantine, Joyce Magnum, Cheryl Montagliani and Betty Petroff. **Precinct 8** (Springhill Lake) — Chief Judge: John Glock; Judges: Tanya Ohlson, Barbara Clawson, Beverly Lamberton, Tom Barron, Raymond Haines, Betty Smyth, Brenda Modzelewski.

Planned for the near future is a meeting of the Greenbelt Republican Club. President Glayde Goodenough will announce date and place.

During March, on Thursdays, 7–9 p.m., Voter Registrations will be held on a trial basis.

TRAINING CENTER SITE CHALLENGED BY COUNCIL

The location of a $52 milion training center for federal law enforcement agents on a 500-acre site near the U. S. Agricultural Research Center in Beltsvile will be challenged in a suit soon to be filed by the Prince Georges County Council.

The Council will be joined in the action by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The suit against the U. S. Treasury Department, which would run the center, and the U. S. General Services Administration will argue that the two departments did not present an adequate environmental impact statement on the effects of the construction as required by federal law.

The project is planned for an area designated to remain undeveloped in county plans since 1964. The county had labeled the area an "environmental wedge" to protect underground waterways.

The legal action will request an injunction against construction from the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia charging inadequate compliance with the National Environment Policy Act of 1969.

The County Council has been on record against the Beltsville location of the center since July 1971 when the local legislature cut sewer lines to serve the project from Prince Georges 10-Year Water and Sewerage Plan.

In addition to the loss of a needed undeveloped wedge area, councilmen object to the center's predicted strain on local sewage treatment and effluent outflow facilities.

Another objection was the traffic the school's 3,000 students and 1,700 employees would generate on access roads, U. S. Route 1 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The Council has called the project "a piecemeal approach to development" of the 20.7 square miles of federally-owned land in the area.

Ford Theatre Drama Offered Youth Groups

Youth groups in five Greenbelt churches will have an opportunity to see a preview performance of "Godspell" in Washington, D.C., at a reduced group rate on Thursday, April 6. The drama will be shown at the Ford Theatre with the original Broadway cast. The cooperating churches (Baptist, Community, Lutheran, Methodist and Catholic will arrange free transportation by special bus leaving Greenbelt about 1 p.m. Junior and Senior high school students wishing to go should make reservations through their own minister or youth leader before Saturday, March 11.

The Tax Recorder

by Frederick J. Isaacs

If there is any income tax subject you would like to see covered in this column, send the question care of this newspaper.

New Standard Deduction

The standard deduction on Federal income tax returns has been raised from 10% with a $1,000 maximum ($500 if married filing a separate return) to 13% with a $1500 maximum ($750 if married filing a separate return). This means many people who itemized their deductions last year will take the standard deduction this year.

Maryland Joint Returns

If a married couple files a joint Federal return, they must file either a joint Maryland return or a combined separate return (the husband's and wife's returns on the same form). If you and your husband or wife each earn over $1,000 (it may be a little more if you itemize), you should file a combined separate return. A joint return will cost you money. If in doubt, you should work it out both ways. Every year thousands of Maryland taxpayers pay up to $90 in extra Maryland tax (including County piggyback tax). If you have a professional tax preparer do your income tax return ,have him double-check. Once the return is filed, you cannot change it in this respect, so check carefully.

Quilting Group to Exhibit

The National Quilting Association will have an exhibit in Greenbelt in September. Persons interested in joining the group, and/or exhibiting quilts, should send their inquiry with self-addressed, stamped envelope to: National Quilting Association, P. O. Box 62, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. Experience in quilting is not necessary.

Income Tax Errors

Last-minute income tax filers should double check their returns, since those filed just before the deadline are much more likely to contain errors, Irving Machiz, Internal Revenue Service District Director for Maryland and the District of Columbia, said today.

Errors on returns delay processing and any refund that may be due.

Missing information accounts for many of the errors.

Taxpayers who use the tax form they received in the mail can avoid Social Security number problems, Mr. Machiz said. These forms have pre-addressed labels that show the taxpayer's name, Social Security number and address just as they appear in IRS files.

The label can be lifted off the form it came on and placed on the Form 1040 that you file.

Machiz advised taxpayers who have someone help them with their return to be sure their pre-addressed label is on the form they file.

Fire Dept. Annual Report

This department responded to a total of 1,476 alarms for the year of 1971, 485 fire and 991 rescue. The City of Greenbelt (with the exception of Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza) suffered a $35,000 fire loss. If we add the number of times each piece of apparatus (3 pumpers, 3 ambulances, 1 brush truck, 1 utility truck, and the Fire Chief's car) responded on alarms the total would be 2,064, (927 fire and 1,137 rescue calls). The total number of men responding was 15,985, (7,503 on fire and 8,482 on rescue.) To break this down further the average manpower for fire calls was 15.67 men responding per alarm. (National Fire Protection Association recommends a 10 man minimum response for a fire in an area of Greenbelt's area and population.)

The above report does not include the number of public service functions we have performed such as pumping out basements, admitting occupants into their homes, etc.

Also, it does not include the most important function of a fire department — FIRE PREVENTION. In 1971 this department made Fire Prevention Inspections in over a hundred separate buildings which includes schools, churches, stores, apartment buildings, public assemblies, etc. The initial inspections are only the beginning; on returning to the station a review of all fire codes are made, a report is then made and a copy given to the occupants. If a reinspection is needed, it will be made at a later date.

We hope the service performed for the community last year has been satisfactory.

We also hope that the community will continue to support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. as it has in the past so that this department may provide the ambulance, rescue and fire protection the citizens of Greenbelt so rightfully deserve.

by Michael W. Dutton
Deputy Fire Chief

Greenbelt Receives Open Space Funds

On February 23 Greenbelt received its first check from the state of Maryland for open space acquisition. The check, for about $20,500. represented one fourth of the purchase price for the Lutheran Church property on Ridge Road, now the Ridge Road Center.

The check arrived one day after City Manager James K. Giese testified as a representative of the Maryland Municipal League, at a hearing on a bill before the state legislature to make revisions in the present open spaces legislation. His testimony, which was technical, dealt with certain proposed procedural changes.

The new changes would also increase the state's share to as much as 75 to 100% for acquisition of open space lands eliminating the requirement that the municipality put up matching funds to make the purchase. Greenbelt supported the proposed changes.

Recreation Director Darald Lofgren accompanied Giese to the hearings, and Richard Miller, city planner for Bowie, also testified for the Municipal League.

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Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik — 474-6060

Miss Dona Kern, 5 Woodland Way, recently received her master's degree in animal science from the University of Maryland. Her thesis was on horse nutrition.

Navy Airman Apprentice James C. Bordas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bordas, 111 Hedgewood Drive, completed the Aviation Boatswain Mate School at Lakehurst, N.J., where he learned to operate and maintain equipment used in the launching and recovery of aircraft aboard ships and at air stations.

Greenbelters were saddened last week to learn of the death of Margaret Z. Porter, wife of the late James E. Porter. Mrs. Porter, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, had been living with her niece in Bowie, for the past few years.

Army Specialist Four Thomas P. Thurman, son of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thurman, 43-A Ridge, recently was assigned to the U. S. Army Aviation Test Board at Ft. Rucker, Ala., where he is serving with the Aircraft Maintenance Section.

The University of Maryland's Department of Physics and Astronomy has received a grant of $57,000 from the National Science Foundation to conduct studies in quantum electrodynamics. The study, headed by Drs. Joseph Sucher of Lakeside Dr. in Greenbelt and Alexander Dragt of the University, will apply new findings to see how the electrical charges of particles affect certain bodies - in particular the Van Allen Radiation Belt which surrounds the Earth. Investigations will involve the study of the interaction of these charged particles in the laboratory and in space.

Nursing Assistant Course

The Department of Adult Education, Prince George's County Public Schools, is sponsoring a course, Nursing Assistant for Nursing Homes. It will begin Tuesday, March 28, and continue each Tuesday through May 9. Classes will be held at the Prince George's County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A tuition fee is required. Upon completion, students will receive a Trained Nursing Assistant Certificate. (Class limited to 20).

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Open House

by Sue Jordan

The National Organization for Women of Northern Prince Georges County sponsored an orientation program on the womens' rights movement in the Springhill Lake Community Room on March 1. The room was filled to capacity with women interested in learning for themselves the facts versus the myths of the feminist movement.

Ellen Pattin gave a slide presentation describing the image of women in the advertising world. She pointed out that women are depicted as passive, insipid creatures who have to be guided and told what to do.

Ellen also detailed NOW's involvement in legislation at the County, State, and National levels. In particular, she emphasized the need for the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which is now pending before Congress and which has appeared before Congress for nearly half a century.

Nancy Bryan spoke on women in employment. Several pertinent perhaps shocking, facts were: in 1969 the median income for males was $8,227 as opposed to $4,977 for women; men with a high school education earned $9,100 — women, $5,280; men with four years of college earned $12,960 — women, $7,396. These were median salaries found in all occupational areas.

Beryl Zbar gave a summary of the women's rights cause from Elizabeth Cady Stanton at the Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848, down through Susan B. Anthony, leader of the Suffrage Movement, to the efforts of Betty Friedan, author of "The Feminine Mystique" who was instrumental in establishing The National Organization for Women.

Cynthia Forbes asked the audience to participate in a quiz of multiple choice questions. The test revealed, among other things, that according to a Chase Manhattan Bank Survey, the average housewife works 99 6/10 hours a week!

The mood of the audience was one of genuine concern for the issues, combined with good humor and camaraderie among the women.

Regularly scheduled meetings of NOW are held each month at the Co-op Hospitality Room. For information, call 474-2896.

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4.7 do not apply to private sewage plants.)

(3) A statement that the proposed plant appears to conflict with the city's water anti-pollution law adopted last year, although city solicitor Emmett Nanna advised that he saw no legal violations involved in the proposed treatment plant.

Weidenfeld also stated that several of the other "Whereas" clauses left wrong impressions and were misleading. "For us to adopt this resolution," he concluded, "would weaken our credibility with the county."

Audience Reaction

A leading sewage plant opponent, Thomas White, in an apparent statesmanlike effort, suggested that the majority of council should simply delete those "Whereas" clauses which were objectionable, make its own improvements, and retain the heart of the resolution, which was "Be it resolved, that the City of Greenbelt disapproves of County Council Bill No. 45." Rhea Cohen summed up her attitude by asking: "Will somebody please tell me what is the need for this plant?"

Several members of the audience took similar positions. Dave Lange agreed with the majority of council that the Cohen resolution contained many inaccuracies, but said that he felt three overriding factors argued for outright city opposition to the plant:

(1) The failure of the county health officer Dr. Perry Stearns to give assurance that the plant would not represent a health or ecological risk.

(2) The lack of assurance that the construction of the plant will meet the design specifications.

(3) The temporary plant if approved, will establish the need for permanent sewage hookup, thus building up the backlog. In order to achieve orderly planning, it would be better to hold off until the permanent system is available.

Other Views

In similar vein, former councilman Bob McGee deplored the antics of some of the opposition. But, he said, despite the scare tactics used in distributing petitions, he is convinced that the majority of citizens oppose the plant. He urged the council to recommend outright disapproval of the plant, as he had come to the conclusion that the social and economic value of the plant could not override the possible health hazard involved.

Both McGee and Richard Alpher said that council should be given credit for the careful and responsible way they approached the problem. They reminded the audience that it was upon the city council's initiative that the county council sought the views of the county health officer.

"It was this kind of unemotional, rational approach to the subject," maintained McGee, "that carried weight with the county and produced the desirable result of influencing the county council to follow the city's advice."

Ben Goldfaden also gave some support to the city council approach by observing that the council was not in a position to judge the safety factor, which "is a matter for the experts." He thought the plant would represent progress, but agreed that it should only be approved if there were no health hazard.

And, oh yes, what was the end? The council defeated the Cohen resolution by a 4 to 1 vote and then placed on the agenda the Schwan resolution for the next city council meeting of Monday, March 20.

R.R.C. Drug Program

by Bruce J. Payne

The county has opened a drug education and referral service in the Ridge Road Rec. Center. It is called the Roving Leader Program. It is open to all who are concerned about the use of drugs in the community. The Roving Leaders are willing to talk at speaking engagements or private homes. The center is open Tuesday thru Friday between 5 and 10 p.m. The phone number is 345-1652.

Council Approves Tax Relief Measure for Elderly Citizens

by Al Skolnik

Once again most of city council's meeting (of March 6) was devoted to the Greenbriar sewage plant, but council found time to consider a few other matters.

Of interest to the elderly was council adoption of a tax relief measure.

This measure would continue the city's present eligibility requirement of an income of less than $5,000 a year to qualify for a tax credit. (The county's eligibility requirement has been liberalized to $7,500.) However, the amount of the tax credit was increased to equal the assessed value of the dwelling up to a maximum of $6,000.

Those eligible for the tax credit would be persons aged 65 and over and disabled persons of any age who are receiving social security or railroad retirement benefits, provided their income is less than $5,000 a year.

Sentiment was expressed for similar relief for tenants, and the city manager was asked to study the feasibility of applying such relief to apartment dwellers.

Clean Lot Ordinance

Council discussed a clean lot ordinance and made several changes in the proposed ordinance in accordance with suggestions of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The measure now goes back for first reading.

The proposed ordinance would provide that upon the failure of a property owner to dispose of litter within ten days after receipt of written notice from the city that he is in violation of the ordinance, the city could remove the litter at the expense of the owner. A person would have 30 days within receipt of notice to file an appeal to the city council, and, if unsuccessful, to appeal to a local court.

Zoning Variance

Council by a 4-1 vote recommended to the Prince Georges Board of Appeals that it not disapprove a zoning variance for a Greenhill Rd. resident to install a detached shed on the side of a carport, thirty feet from the front property line instead of the required 60-foot distance. Mayor Richard Pilski opposed the action because he feared it would set a precedent, but councilman Gil Weidenfeld said that special circumstances were involved in that the terrain did not permit reasonable alternative sites.

Appropriations

Council approved two supplemental appropriations. One was for $500 for the purchase of additional furnishings for the Youth Center and the other was for $4,900 to complete the financing of the $49,877 Gentry Drive road construction. The original cost estimate for the latter was exceeded primarily because of the need to remove extra quantities of fill above the engineer's estimate. One half of the cost of this project is to be paid by Springhill Lake, distributed over a ten-year period, with interest added.

Beautification Award

The city has received word that it will receive a county award for beautification with respect to the Southway improvement project. The county especially praised the laying out of the sidewalks along Southway, which was done so as to retain the trees.

Environmental Committee

The council was advised that an organizing committee for the city-citizens' environmental program was being formed consisting of seven citizens and two council members. Mayor Pilski appointed councilmen Charles Schwan and Weidenfeld to serve as the city's representatives. The Mayor also appointed Paul Leofsky of Cherrywood Terrace to serve on the Community Relations Advisory Board.

Equal Opportunities

Council almost got itself into a rhubarb as to whether a woman police officer could handle drunks as well as a man police officer, but extricated itself by passing a motion that all city jobs should be open to both sexes. The discussion arose after city manager James Giese made the statement that most women could not qualify to do the work which is presently required of Greenbelt police officers.

"There is a very definite role for women in police work," Giese said, "but the city does not have the funds to hire special police officers. At present, brawn is still important."

However, Giese emphasized that there is no job description for any position in the city with any sex requirements and that he intends to follow a policy of employing the best qualified individual available for any vacancy.

Beverly Stone, who raised the question of equal employment opportunities, agreed with Giese's policy but implied that she wasn't sure that it would be followed.

CITY NOTES

The Public Works Dept. has been removing and replacing broken concrete in various places throughout the city. A 510-square-foot section of sidewalk south of the Centerway underpass, sidewalks in Springhill Lake, and a section of curbing next to the gas tanks at the city warehouse building were among the projects undertaken.

A final painting was given the new gate for the Youth Center driveway. The gate itself was painted black; the supporting posts were painted brown with silver tops.

Pepco installed power to the meter for the flashing school warning signals near the Springhill Lake School. The Public Works Dept. has the responsibility to continue the wiring from the meter to the two signs. The work was expected to be accomplished immediately.

The city crews performed various odd jobs, such as removing paper drive signs, setting up signs that had been knocked over by vehicles, installing no parking signs on a stretch of Edmonston Rd. where motorists had been pulling on to the grassy shoulder, and gluing down preshaped plastic turn arrows at the intersection of Southway and Ridge. The Parks crew cleaned rights of way in Springhill Lake and raked leaves and debris from three playground areas.

Two outworn police cars were driven to Baltimore for sale by a private auctioneer, the same one who also handles sales of County police vehicles.

On March 5 the city manager met with five journalism students from the University of Maryland to provide them with background information on the operations of city council. The students will report council meetings as part of their course work.

Two new squad cars for the Police Dept. were recently received and are now in service. Delivery on a third car is expected in about a month.

The Public Works Dept. laid paving around the sides of the new gate across the driveway to the Youth Center so that bicycles and pedestrians would have an easy access when the gates are closed. They also paved a walkway to the mailboxes near the bank on Centerway. In the unpaved section of Ridge Rd. near the water tower, they repaired a washed-out section.

The Parks crew removed fallen dead trees from the Lake Park which were leaning against and threatening damage to living trees. They also cleaned debris from the stream at Braden Field and helped with snow removal. A special crew worked overtime to clear streets of snow on both Wednesday, Feb. 23, and the preceding Saturday. Snowfall in Greenbelt was measured at 6" on Saturday and at 4" on Wednesday.

Light bulbs were replaced at the Center parking lot and in underpasses.

TAX CREDIT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

GHI Fiscal Office has the forms for the 1972 Senior Citizen Tax Credit. The County has requested that these forms be filed by **April 15, 1972.** The requirements set forth by the County to obtain real estate tax relief are as follows:

(1) The owner must be 65 years of age on or before July 1, 1972. The age limit does not apply if receiving 100% disability payments from Social Security or Railroad Retirement.

(2) The homeowner must reside on the property and have legal interest therein.

(3) The combined gross income of all the owners of the property living in the dwelling, shall not exceed $7,500 for the calendar year 1971. Gross Income includes income from all sources EXCEPT Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefit Payments.

GHI members please call 474-6601 for information in this regard.

Greenbelt Directory Scheduled for July

The Greenbelt Lions Club will again publish the Greenbelt Directory. The Directory will be similar to previous editions; however, this year King Lion Jay Brubaker announced that it will be distributed to all Greenbelt residents without charge. Brubaker also indicated that the directory will be larger than previous editions. Delivery is planned for July.

Because of the growth of Greenbelt during the past several years, it is difficult to obtain listings of those residences that do not have telephones. Therefore, the new directory will contain only, names, addresses, and telephone numbers of residences in Greenbelt as published in the latest C. and P. Telephone Directory unless otherwise notified. Anyone desiring a different listing or who wants a listing without a telephone number, please call Lion Lloyd L. Clay, 262-0390, or send a card or letter to Greenbelt Lions Club, 14 Fayette Place, Greenbelt, Md. 20770 by June 1, 1972.

Science Fair Awards At St. Hugh's School

By M. Tousignant

Science co-ordinator

By a unanimous decision of the judges Monday night, Jacqueline Wells was awarded the "Best Presentation Award" at the Annual Science Fair at St. Hugh's School. First place awards – those to represent the school at the Regional Science Fair – are: Patricia Skillman for "How Chemicals Affect Root Growth", Terese Tousignant for "Snails and Nutrition", Patricia Fowler for "Topology", and Jacqueline Wells for "'Water Flow of Greenbelt Lake". Alternates are: Lennie Marie Folkee for "Air Pollution" and J. Beth Barber for "Tensile Strength of Paper". Other first place winners were Michael Bates for "A Behavioral Study of Protoza", Michael Moriarty for "How Well do Detergents Really Work" and Dorothy Baluch for "Seeing is Not Believing". First place awards in the Junior Division went to Paula Lee Puccio for "Testing for Sugar in Foods" and Terry Shaugnessy for "Effects of Air Pressure".

Second place awards went to Joseph Bistany. Botany; Andrea Hanyok, Medical Sciences; Carol Fowler, Zoology; Amarilis O'Driscoll, Chemistry; Terry Burchick, David Downs, and Donna Olverson for Environmental Sciences; Gloria Hensel for Mathematics; Kathy Bates for Physics; and Timothy O'Brien for Communications Sciences. Second place awards in the Junior Division went to Dawn Olverson for Medical Sciences; Michael O'Brien and Paul Tousignant for Chemistry; and Ellen Geiger and Mary O'Keefe for Physics.

Third place awards in the Senior Division went to Kathleen Bryant, Andre Jankowski, Kathleen O'Brien, Colleen O'Hagan, Lisa Staab, Patricia Brlansky, Mary Keller, Mark Weber, Scott Francis, Rose Bistany, Brian Havekost, Joseph O'Loughlin, Mary Lynn Nagle, and Larry Izzo. In the Junior Division, third place awards went to Mark White, Thomas Grenchick, Mary Ellen McEvoy, Maureen O'Hagan, Richard Hoppel and Teresa Keller.

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GHI NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT FORM

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